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1. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) is building a chemical and drug manufacturing plant in North Vietnam. The plant is located near the China-Vietnam border between Binh Dien Quan<sup>1</sup> and That Khe (106-28; 22-15) on the banks of the Ta Giang. It is about eight kilometers from That Khe.
2. By February 1952, 26 buildings, a steam boiler, and some electrical installations had been completed. More than 70 machines for the manufacture of drugs had arrived from Communist China.
3. A total of 210 persons are engaged in building the plant. These include 28 Chinese Communists, who are technicians in the manufacture of drugs and chemicals, and 50 DRV workers experienced in drug manufacturing. The rest are laborers, skilled mechanics, etc. Construction is under the constant supervision of Hoang Dich Chi, DRV Minister of Public Health,<sup>2</sup> who is living at the building site.
4. The plant will produce quinine, penicillin, sulphuric acid, nitric acid, sodium, and glycerine. Estimated rates of production are not known. It is expected that production will begin in June 1952.

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1.  Comment. Possibly the village of Binh Quan (106-24; 22-16).
  2.  Comment. Available information indicates that the DRV Minister of Public Health is Hoang Tich Tri.

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